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Subject Liability Clarification Request

Carol,

I am mailing the letter contained in the attachment today. The letter has gone through TU's staff review and they concur that the requested information is critically needed so we can properly determine our future course of action in AFC. We really need to better understand our potential Federal liabilities if indeed we engage in a removal action at Pacific Mine and elsewhere in the western United States.

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Subject: RE: Office of Surface Mining Partnership Grant

Laura,

You must have experience in searching for Grant sources because your instincts about the OSM grant was exactly right. I received a message from Tom Kelsch, the manager of that fund for NFWF, after I contacted him directly. He confirmed your suspicions that these funds are directed at coal mine reclamation in the eastern states, although the information on their website about the grant says nothing about the fund being Regional. He did say that NFWF would look closely at our pre proposal to see where monies might be available under any of their grants. He offered his personal attention to our application.

Whether this attempt yeilds any funding or not I think filing this application was very important. If it yeilds nothing it demonstrates even more the need for more attention being directed at abandoned mine lands in the west. A negative response provides us with one more key talking point with congressional contacts. A funding source for treatment of these abandoned mine lands seems to be one of the objectives of TU. As we explore potential sources, if we are not successful, it only strengthens the premise that CHANGES are needed.

I will explore the other grant sources I am aware of as my next item of business.

Ted

-----Original Message-----

From: Laura Hewitt

Sent: Tue 4/20/2004 6:02 PM

To: Chris Wood; Ted Fitzgerald

Cc:

Subject: FW: Office of Surface Mining Partnership Grant

Ted, Thanks for getting that out. I suspected the OSM \$\$ might be for the east only, but hopefully, they'll pick it up under another program. At the very least it helps make the case that this is not strictly as eastern coal region issue.

CW - FYI - Ted's starting to crank up the money machine.

Cheers,  
Laura

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